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COMMISSIONERS and TRUSTEES
For Improving
Fisheries and Manufactures
IN
SCOTLAND,
FOR
The Application of their FUNDS:

Published by their Order.



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By the COMMISSIONERS and
TRUSTEES appointed by
His MAJESTY'S *Letters Pa-
tents*, for Improving *Fishe-
ries and Manufactures* in
Scotland.



HEREAS, in Pursuance
of an Act pass'd in the Thir-
teenth Year of the Reign
of His late Majesty King
George I. of Glorious Me-
mory, Intitl'd, [*An Act
for Encouraging and Pro-
moting Fisheries, and other
Manufactures and Improve-
ments in that Part of Great
Britain, call'd Scotland*] Whereby it was provided,
That it should and might be lawful for His Majesty,
his Heirs and Successors, by *Letters Patents*, under
the Great Seal appointed by the Treaty of *Union* to

be kept in *Scotland*, in Place of the Great Seal thereof, to lay down, settle and establish a particular Plan or Method, and to fix and direct proper Rules and Regulations, whereby the several Funds and Sums of Money provided and grown due, for the Improvement and Encouragement of *Fisheries* and *Manufactures* in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, should be wholly applied, laid out, and distributed, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of the said 15th Article of the Treaty of *Union*, and for Improvement of *Fisheries* and such other *Manufactures* in *Scotland*, as may most conduce to the general Good of the *united Kingdom*, and to no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever; And that it should and might be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by *Letters Patents*, under the Seal aforesaid, to appoint, name, and authorize any Number of Persons resident in that Part of *Great Britain*, called *Scotland*, not exceeding the Number of *Twenty one*, to be *Commissioners* and *Trustees* for managing and directing the Application of the said Sums, according to the Plan or Method that should be settled or established as aforesaid, and for executing the several Powers and Authorities, which by the said *Letters Patents* should to them be committed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors;

It has pleased Our most Gracious Sovereign, by his *Letters Patents*, passed under the Great Seal aforesaid, to declare, That it is His Royal Will and Pleasure, that the Interest of the Sum of *L. 14000*, provided by the 15th Article of the Treaty of *Union*, for Encouraging and Promoting the Manufacture of *Coarse Wool* in *Scotland*, be annually applied for Encouraging the Spining and Manufacturing of *Coarse Wool* within the Shires of *Berwick*, *Roxburgh*, *Selkirk*,

kirk, Peebles, Lanerk, Air, Wigtoun, Dumfries, Edinburgh and Stirling, and within the Stewartries of Annandale and Kirkcudbright, or any other Shire or Stewartry, where large Quantities of Coarse Wool, commonly called and known by the Name of Tarr'd Wool, are produced; and to authorize the Commissioners and Trustees nominated in the said Letters Patents to settle a particular Plan or Method for distributing the Sum intended for promoting the said Manufacture; and that the yearly Interest of the Sum of L. 6000, as Part of the Arrears of the Annuity of L. 2000 per annum, provided by the Act of the 5th of his late Majesty King George I. together with the said Annuity of L. 2000, and the Surplus of the Malt-Duty yearly and each Year, be laid out, and wholly applied towards the Encouraging of the Herring Fishery, and of the Linnen and Hempen Manufactures, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, by equal Portions, so as that the One half of the said yearly Sums shall be applied towards the Encouraging of the said Fisheries, and the other half shall be applied towards the Encouraging of the said Linnen and Hempen Manufactures.

AND that out of the yearly Sum allotted and appropriated for the Improvement of Fisheries, a Sum not exceeding L. 2340, shall be annually distributed in Præmiums, after the Rate of 40 Shillings per Last, upon the Tonnage of the Vessel, to such Persons as shall contract for fitting out Busses for the Herring Fishing in deep Water, upon the Conditions, and under the Regulations to be settled by the Trustees or Commissioners, nominated and appointed by the said Letters Patents.

AND that a Sum not exceeding L. 100, be yearly distributed in small Prizes to such Fishermen

as shall make the first Discovery of *Herrings* coming upon the Coast, according to the Rules to be settled in like Manner by the said *Trustees*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 100*, be annually given for *Salaries* to *Wreck* or *Cure Masters*, to be nominated by the said *Trustees*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 110* be granted annually for *Salaries* to two riding Officers, to survey, examine and check the Conduct of the *Wreck* and *Cure Masters*, and to prevent Fraud in the *Fishing Trade*.

AND that out of the yearly Sums allotted for the Improvement of *Linnen* and *Hempen Manufactures*, a Sum not exceeding *L. 1500*, shall be annually distributed in *Præmiums*, after the Rate of 15 *Shil.* an *Acre*, to such Persons as shall dress and prepare their *Grounds*, and shall therein sow *Lint-seed* or *Hemp-seed*, in the Manner, and according to the *Rules* and *Regulations* to be published by the said *Trustees*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 400* be annually granted for *Salaries* to *Lappers* and *Stamp-masters*, at the Rate of *L. 10* per Piece.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 250* be annually allowed as *Salaries* to Two General riding Officers, who are to examine into the Conduct of the *Lappers*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 100* be annually allowed for carrying on Prosecutions against such Persons as shall transgress the *Laws* relating to the *Linnen* and *Hempen Manufactures*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 150*, be annually allowed for encouraging *Spinning-Schools*, to teach *Children* from the Age of Eight, to that of Fourteen Years, to spin.

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AND that a Sum not exceeding L. 50, be annually allowed for procuring *Models* of the best Sorts of *Looms*, and other Instruments for Improving the *Linnen* and *Hemp* Manufactures.

AND that a Sum not exceeding L. 200, be annually distributed to *House-wives*, who shall make the best Piece of *Linnen Cloth*, according to the Directions of the said Commissioners and Trustees.

AND that the said Commissioners and Trustees do, as soon as conveniently may be, take into their Consideration the State of the several *Funds* and *Sums* of *Money*, granted for the Encouragement of *Fisheries* and *Manufactures*, and do make an Estimate of the *Amount* thereof; and if the yearly *Amount* thereof shall appear sufficient to answer the several Purposes aforesaid in their full Extent, That the said Commissioners and Trustees, do frame and settle a particular *Plan* or *Method* for the Distribution of the said *Monies* in the Manner above-mentioned; and if the said yearly *Funds* shall not appear sufficient to answer the said Purposes to the full Extent, the said Commissioners and Trustees do propose another *Plan* of *Distribution*, answerable to the clear Sums that the yearly *Funds* may produce, still preserving the *Quantum* of the particular Encouragement for each several Purpose.

AND that the particular *Plan* or *Method* for distributing the foresaid *Premiums* for fitting out of *Bushes*, and preparing Ground for sowing *Lint-seed* and *Hemp-seed*, be so conceived, as the Undertakers for either may have the said Encouragement continued to them for the Space of *Three* successive Years.

AND that the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any *Five* or *more* of them, be impowered, as by the

the said *Letters Patents* they are *impowered* and *requir'd*, to propose such *Regulations*, as to them shall seem necessary or expedient, as *Conditions* upon which the several *Præmiums* and *Encouragements* shall be answered, such *Regulations* being always consistent with the *Laws of the Realm*, and the said *Letters Patents*.

AND that so soon as the said particular *Plan* or *Method of Distribution*, together with the several *Conditions* upon which the above *Præmiums* are to be paid, shall be prepared and settled, the same shall be forthwith published, by affixing Copies thereof on the Market-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and *Peir* and *Shore of Leith*, and by transmitting Copies thereof to the *Magistrates* of every *Royal-Burrow* in *Scotland*, and to the *Sheriff* and *Stewart-Clerk* of each *Shire* and *Stewartry* within the same, to the End all Persons may have sufficient Notice, and thereby may have an Opportunity of undertaking the several *Improvements* propos'd.

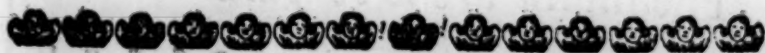
THE Commissioners and Trustees nominated and appointed by the said *Letters Patents*, having, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, taken into Consideration the State of the *Funds* and *Sums of Money* before-mentioned, are of Opinion, that these *Funds* and *Sums of Money* will answer His Majesty's most gracious *Intentions*; Therefore, they hereby declare and publish, That for the Term of *Three* Years, from and after the Feast of *Christmas* next, the subsequent Sums of Money shall be annually laid out and applied, viz.

	L. s. d.
FOR encouraging the <i>Herring Fishery</i> ,	2650 0 0
FOR the Encouragement of the <i>Linnen</i>	
and <i>Hempen Manufacture</i> , : : :	} 2650 0 0

To

L. sh. d.

To encourage the *Spining* and *Manu-*
facturing of coarse *Tarr'd Wool*, :: } 700 0 0
 According to the particular *Plans* herein after-laid
 down and expressed.



Plan for the Distribution of the annual Sum of L. 2650, appointed for encouraging the Herring Fishery.

	L.	s.	d.
FOR <i>Premiums</i> to Adventurers in the <i>Bush Fishing</i> at the Rate of 40 <i>sh.</i> per Last of the <i>Bushes</i> true Burden, : : : :	2340	0	0
FOR <i>Premiums</i> to such Persons, as shall search for <i>Sboals</i> of <i>Herrings</i> in the <i>Coast Fishing</i> . : : : : :	100	0	0
FOR <i>Salaries</i> to Ten Cure-Masters of <i>Herrings</i> , at L. 10 per annum each,	100	0	0
FOR <i>Salaries</i> to two General Riding <i>Officers</i> of the <i>Herring Fishery</i> , at L. 55 per annum each, : : :	110	0	0
<i>Total</i> , : : :	2650	0	0



*Regulations of the Herring Fishery,
and Conditions upon which the said
Præmiums are to be paid.*

I. **T**HE exact Burden of each *Busb* shall be computed by a Person to be *nominated* and *appointed* by the Trustees, according to the common Rule of Computation, formed upon the Dimensions of Length over *Stern* and *Steven*, Breadth in the *Beam*, and Depth in the *Hould*.

II. **E**ACH *Busb* shall be a free *British* Bottom, of Burden not under 30, nor above 50 Lasts, the *Freedom* to be vouched by the Carpenter's Bill of Sale, if *British* built, or an authentick Extract of the *Registration*, if a foreign built Ship, made free, and the *Burden*, by Certificate from the Person, who shall be *nominated* and *appointed* to measure, and to compute the same.

III. **E**ACH *Busb* shall set out to the *Herring Fishing* from some Port in *Scotland*, shall be *viſtalled* there, and shall also be there provided with *Nets*, *Ropes*, *Salt*, *Cask*, and all other *Fishing Equipage* and Materials, and one Half of the *Crew* at least shall be *British* Subjects, to be vouched by *Certificate* from the Chief Magistrate of the Place or Places whence the *Busb* sets out, at which she is *viſtalled*, and where she is provided with *Fishing Equipage* and Materials.

IV. **T**HE *Fishing Equipage* of *Nets*, *Ropes*, &c. and Materials of *Salt* and *Cask*, shall be *good* and *sufficient* of their Kind, and adjusted to the *Burden* of the

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the *Busb* as to Quantity, in such Proportion as shall be specified in the *Contract*, *Deed*, or *Writing*, to be drawn up betwixt the *Trustees* and the *Undertakers*, and shall be vouched by *Certificate* from such Persons, as the *Trustees* shall authorise and appoint to inspect and examine the *Quantity* and *Quality* of the said *Fishing Equipage* and *Materials*.

V. ALL the *Busbes* shall set out from the respective *Ports*, where they shall be *victualled* and *equipt*, before the 5th of *June* annually at the latest, and shall rendezvouze at *Brassie-sound* in *Zetland*, on or before the 11th Day of the said Month, Wind and Weather serving, to be vouched by *Certificate* from the Person who shall be *nominated* and *appointed* by the *Trustees* to *review* them on that Day, and in that Place.

VI. EACH *Busb* shall fish from *Brassie-sound* towards the *Orkney Islands*, and from the *Latitude* of the said *Islands*, Southward, along the Coast of *Scotland*, within Sight of *Land*, unless driven off by Stress of *Weather*, and shall continue *Fishing* from the said 11th of *June* to the 11th of *September*, or till a full Loading of *Herrings* shall be caught, to be vouched as to the Time of *Fishing* by the *Master* or *Steers-man's Journal*; and as to the Quantity of *Herrings* caught by *Certificate* from the *Cure-Masters* and *General Surveyor* of the Place or Places where the *Herrings* are unloaded and repacked.

VII. THE *Steers-man* or *Master* of each *Busb* shall keep an exact *Journal* of all Occurences and Proceedings, mentioning particularly how many Times he put into *Port*, on what Occasion, how long he stay'd in *Port* each Time, what *Busbes* he spoke at Sea, and the Numbers of *Busbes* which at any Time were in Sight at once, according to a Form to be

drawn up by the *Trustees*, and put into his Hands; which *Journal* shall not only be verified by his own, but also by the *Crews Oaths*, if required; and he shall also conform himself to, and punctually obey such particular *Instructions* as the *Trustees* shall from Time to Time give, concerning the proper Method of *Fishing*.

VIII. No *Herrings* that have been caught in *Nets*, above 24 Hours, commonly called *Hanged Herrings*, shall be mixed with *Live Herrings*, but shall be put in *Casks* having the Letters *H. D.* marked upon them, at the Time of *salting* and *packing*, under the Penalty of Forfeiture.

IX. All *Bush Herrings* shall be gutted with a Knife, in the Manner practised by the *Hollanders*, shall be sorted carefully into *Fat Herrings*, *Full Herrings*, and *Spawn'd Herrings*, shall be salted with a competent Quantity of *Salt*, and shall be packed up in *Barrels*, having at least 16 Hoops of 32 Gallons; or half *Barrels*, having at least 12 Hoops of 16 Gallons *English* Wine Measure, unless designed for Home *Consumpt*, in which Case only they may be packed in *Firkins* or *Quarter Barrels* of 8 Gallons Measure foresaid, to be vouched by *Certificate* from the *Wreck* or *Cure-Master* and *General Surveyor*.

X. All *Herrings* adjudged by the *Wreck* or *Cure-Master* to be so *insufficient* as not to be *Marketable*, shall be immediately thrown into the Sea, at such Distance from the *Shoar*, as that they cannot be gathered up.

XI. It shall not be lawful for any *Bush* to deliver over *Herrings* at Sea into any Vessel other than a *Bush* neither shall it be lawful for any *Bush* to carry *Herrings* to any Market or Place of Sale

Sale until they shall first have been landed in *Scotland*; neither shall it be *lawful* to remove them from the Place, where they shall first have been landed, until they shall be *repacked* and *daunted* in the Manner after mentioned, till they shall be inspected by the *Cure Masters*, and until the *Wreck* or *Cure Master* shall have *stamped* the Name of the Place, where they were *repacked*, upon each *Barrel*, with a *hot Iron*.

XII. No *Herrings* shall be *repacked* till they have lyen at least 14 Days in *Salt*, so much Time being requisite for *Pineing* them sufficiently; neither shall any *repacked Herrings* be *Pickled* with any other than new made *Pickle*, unless it be well cleaned from Scales by *Straining*, or refined by *Boiling*.

XIII. ALL *Herrings* packed at Sea, commonly called *Sea Steeks*, shall be wholly turned over into *Tubs*, together with their *Pickle*, in order to their being *Washed* and *thorowly Inspected*, before they be *repacked*; and in *repacking* them it shall be observed as an *indispensible* Rule, to spread two Handfuls of *clean Salt* on the Bottom of the *Barrel*, and to lay the *Herrings* close together, putting four *Head Herrings* in each *Layer*, and a Handful of *clean Salt* betwixt every *Layer*, and two Handfuls on the *Top*, and likewise to *daunt* them twice when the *Barrel* is two Thirds filled, and when full.

XIV. ALL *Bush Herrings* shall be *repacked* by *Workmen* appointed for that Purpose, who shall either take an Oath of *Fidelity*, or find Security for their *punctual Observance* of the said Rules in *repacking*.

XV. SUCH Persons as design to be *Adventurers* in the *Bush Fishing* next Season, shall signify their Intention, by a Writing under their Hands, on or
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before the 25th Day of *January* next, directed to *David Flint* Secretary to the Trustees; and shall make Offer of entering into Contract with the Trustees, for the Three next ensuing *Fishing Seasons* successively, by which *Contracts* the Trustees shall be obliged to pay the foresaid *Præmium* annually, in Manner after mentioned.

XVI. THE Adventurers in the *Bush Fishing*, who shall enter into *Contract* as aforesaid, shall be entitled to the *Præmium*, upon Production of the *Vouchers* hereby required, of their having observed the *Regulations*, and performed the *Conditions* before specified; and it shall be paid them within Forty Days after the *Vouchers* are delivered in at the *Trustees Office* in *Edinburgh*, to any Person duly *authorized* to receive the same, providing no *Fraud* be found to have been committed in procuring the said *Vouchers*, within the Time foresaid; as to which *Frauds* the *Trustees* reserve to themselves Liberty and Power of Expiscation, by the Oaths of credible Witnesses.

ANY *Bush* fitted out, tackled, and provided as aforesaid, and actually employed in the *Herring Fishing*, that shall, during the *Fishing Season*, perish at Sea, by Strefs of *Weather*, or other *Fatality*, before the *Herrings* caught can be laid on Land, in Manner above mentioned, or shall be lost to the Proprietors by Capture, the *Præmium* above mentioned for that *Fishing Season*, shall nevertheless be answered to the *Undertakers*.

THE Sum of L. 100, appointed to be given in *Præmiums*, for discovering *Schools of Herrings* in the *Coast Fishing*, shall be divided as follows, *viz.*

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To the Firth of	{	<i>Forth,</i>	:	:	36 0 0
		<i>Murray,</i>	:	:	20 0 0
		<i>Clyde,</i>	:	:	20 0 0
		<i>Solway,</i>	:	:	24 0 0
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		<i>Total,</i>	:	:	100 0 0

IN the Firth of *Forth*, Four Boats shall be employed in searching for *Schools of Herrings*, from the 15th of *July* to the 15th of *September* annually, *viz.* Two on the North Side in the *Fishing Stations* of *Old-Hecks*, *Craill-Wyk*, *Kilrenny-Wyk*, *Anstruther-Traith*, *Pittenweem-Traith*, *St. Mennins-Traith*, and *Island of May-Bank*, and Two on the South-side in the *Stations* of *Whitcove*, *Reed-Castle*, *Bass-Foot*, and *Northberwick Traith*. The Time of Search shall be every alternate Day, from the 15th of *July* to the 5th of *August* for the *Float Drave*, and in like Manner for the *Ground Drave* from the said 5th of *August* to the said 15th of *September* during the *Neep Tides*.

THE *Præmium* to each Boat shall be *Six Shillings* each Day, while employed in the Search of *Herrings*, as before mentioned, until a *School* of *Herrings* shall be discovered on the *Ground*; and a *Præmium* of L. 3 *Sterl.* shall be given to the *Boat's Crew* that shall find out *Herrings* on the *Ground* in such Numbers, that a *Boat's full Loading* shall have been caught, either by themselves, or by any other *Boat's Crew*, and shall give the first Notice thereof, to any of the
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Persons employed to distribute the said *Præmiums*; and if the first *Schoal* of *Herrings* go off before all the *Cask* and *Salt* provided for the *Fishing* of that Season be used, then the *Search* shall recommence and continue till a second *Discovery* be made of *Herrings* on the Ground, and so forth till the *Fishing Season* be ended; the said *Præmium* of *L. 3* being to be paid to the successive *Discoverers*, till the Sum of *L. 12* is expended.

IN the Firth of *Murray*, Three Boats shall be employed likewise, from the 15th of *July* to the 15th *September* annually, *viz.* Two on the North Side, in the Stations of *Tarbet-Nefs*, *Cromarty-Bay*, and *Chanery-Loch*, and one Boat on the South Side, in the Stations of *Findhorn* and *Nairn Traiths*; the Time of *Search* shall be in like Manner every alternate Day, from the 15th of *July* to the 5th of *August* for the *Float Drave*, and in like Manner for the *Ground Drave*, from the said 5th of *August* to the said 15th of *September*, during the *Neep Tides*; the *Præmium* to each Boat shall be *Five Shillings* each Day, while employed in the same Manner, as mentioned for the Firth of *Forth*, and a *Præmium* of *Twenty Pounds Scots Money* to the *Boat's Crew*, which shall give the first Account, to any of the Persons employed to distribute the *Præmiums*, of a *Schoal* of *Herrings* being on the Ground, in such Numbers that a *Boat's full Loading* thereof shall have been caught, either by themselves, or by any other *Boat's Crew*, till the Sum of *L. 5* be exhausted, in the same Way and Manner as directed for the Firth of *Forth*.

IN the Firth of *Clyde*, Two large Boats shall be employed, *viz.* One in the Station of *Air-Traith*, and the other in the Station of *Bute-Traith*; the Time of *Search* shall be likewise every alternate Day
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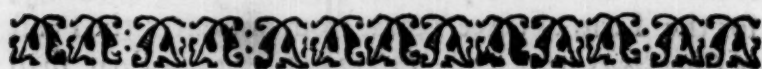
from the 15th of *May* to the 15th of *November*, the *Præmium* to each *Boat* shall be *Seven Shillings sterl.* each *Day*, when unsuccessful in discovering a *Shoal* of *Herrings*, and *Forty Shillings* to each *Boat*, which shall give the first Account to the proper Persons of a *Shoal* of *Herrings*, so as a *Boat's* full Loading thereof shall be caught either by themselves or any other *Boat's* Crew, till the Sum of Six Pounds *Sterl.* shall be expended.

IN the Firth of *Solway*, three Boats of Burden, 5 Tons each at least, shall be equipt with *Nets*, shall be provided with skilful Crews, and shall be employed assiduously every *Day* in searching for and catching *Herrings*, betwixt *Blackshaw* and the River *Esk*, from the 1st of *May* to the 11th of *June* annually, for the Term of three Years, from and after the Feast of *Christmas* next; the *Præmium* for each Boat shall be *L. 8 Sterl.* and shall be paid at *Midsummer* annually, upon a *Certificate* from the Magistrates of the Burgh of *Annan*, certifying, That the Boat's Burden is at least 5 Ton; That the *Fishing Equipage* was good; That at least one Third Part of the Crew were skilful *Fishermen*, and that they have been assiduously employed in searching for, and catching *Herrings*, during the Time foreaid.

THE Distribution of the *Præmium*, allotted to the Firth of *Forth*, shall be committed to the Magistrates of the Burghs of *Anstruther-Easter* and *Crail* on the North-side, and to the Magistrates of the Burghs of *Dunbar* and *North-Berwick* on the South-side, each having the Direction of one Boat; The Distribution thereof, in the Firth of *Murray*, shall be committed to the Magistrates of the Burghs of *Inverness*, *Nairn* and *Fortrose*, each having likewise the Direction of one Boat; and the Distribution in the Firth of *Clyde*,

to the Magistrates of *Air* and *Rothesay*, each having the Direction of one *Boat*, under such *Conditions* and *Regulations*, as the Trustees shall lay down and prescribe, on or before the first Day of *June* next.

THE two *Riding Officers*, and the *Ten Wreck* or *Cure-Masters*, who shall be named, and severally stationed afterwards, shall find Security for their Fidelity, viz. each of the *Riding Officers* to the Amount of *L. 200 Sterl.* and each of the *Wreck* or *Cure-Masters*, to the Amount of *L. 50 Sterl.* That they shall act according to the *Instructions*, which shall be given them by the *Trustees*, on or before the 1st Day of *May* next, whose respective *Salaries* shall be paid at the Feast of *Martinmas* annually.



*Particular Plan for the Distribution
of L. 2650, for the Encourage-
ment of the Linnen and Hempen
Manufactures.*

	<i>L. s. d.</i>
FOR <i>Præmiums</i> , after the Rate of 15 <i>Shil.</i> per Acre, for 2000 Acres of Ground, to be sowed with <i>Lint Seed</i> and <i>Hemp Seed</i> , : :	} 1500 0 0
FOR encouraging <i>Spinning Schools</i> for teaching Children to spin <i>Lint</i> and <i>Hemp</i> , : : : : : :	} 150 0 0
FOR <i>Prizes</i> to be put up for <i>House- wives</i> , who shall make the best Piece of <i>Linnen Cloth</i> , : : :	} 200 0 0
<i>Total</i> ,	1850 0 0

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Carried over	:	:	1850. 0 0
FOR Salaries to Two General Riding Officers, at L. 125 each,	:	:	250 0 0
FOR Salaries to 40 Lappers and Stamp-masters, at L. 10 each,	:	:	400 0 0
FOR the Expence of carrying on Prosecutions against such as transgress the Laws, concerning the Linnen and Hempen Manufactures,	:	:	100 0 0
FOR procuring Models of the best Looms, and other Instruments for improving the Linnen and Hempen Manufactures,	:	:	50 0 0
Total,			2650 0 0

Conditions upon which the Undertakers for sowing Lint-Seed and Hemp-Seed, shall be entitled to the Præmium of 15 Shil. per Acre, for the Years 1728, 1729 and 1730; And Rules for the Distribution of L. 1500, applicable for that Purpose, among the different Shires and Stewartries of Scotland.

Impr. **T**HAT whoever intends to contract for sowing one Acre or more, with Lint-Seed or Hemp-Seed, in order to be entitled to the said Præmium of 15 Shil. per Acre for the next three successive Years, do give Notice of his Proposal or Intention,

tention, on or before the last *Tuesday* of *January* next, in Writing under his Hand, directed to *David Flint*, Secretary to the *Commissioners* and *Trustees*, at their Office in *Edinburgh*, or to the Clerks of the Justices of Peace for the Shires and Stewartries after-mentioned, *distinctly* expressing the Undertaker's Name and Designation, the Place of his Residence, and the Name of the Farm in which the said *Seed* is to be sown, with the Name of the Parish, and of the Shire or Stewartry where the Farm lies, specifying the Number of *Acres* he designs to *sow*, and whether he designs to contract for One, Two, or the whole Three Years, in the Form hereto subjoin'd.

II. THAT no *Proposal* be for less than one Acre, for the Undertaker's own Behoof.

III. THAT if more *Undertakers*, out of any one Shire or Stewartry, shall offer than there are *Acres*, which fall to the Share or Proportion of such Shire or Stewartry, allowing one Acre to each Offerer, the *Preference* shall be determined by Lot.

IV. THAT if there shall not be so many *Offerers*, as there are single *Acres* to be improved in any Shire or Stewartry, the remaining *Acres* shall be divided by Lot amongst such Persons, within the Shire or Stewartry, as propose to improve more *Acres* than one.

V. THAT if the *Share* or *Proportion* of any Shire or Stewartry, shall not be exhausted by *Undertakers* within the said Shire or Stewartry, the *Overplus* shall be divided by Lot amongst the *Undertakers*, for single *Acres*, in other Shires or Stewartries, who may have been excluded by Lot within their respective Shires or Stewartries; And if there shall be still an *Overplus*, it shall, in like Manner, be divided amongst those, who got fewer *Acres* than what they offered to contract for.

VI. THAT

VI. THAT the Offerer preferred, for the first Year purchase and sow only *foreign Seed*; and in the Oath herein after-mentioned, express the *Quantity* bought, and by whom the same was imported into *Scotland*, from what *Country*, and of what *Tear's* Growth.

VII. THAT every Person, who shall be preferred for one Acre or more, for sowing *Lint-Seed*, and who shall make no Demand for any *Premium* for *Hemp*, shall be obliged however to sow as many *Falls*, i. e. Six *Ells square* with *Hemp-Seed*, as he undertakes and sows *Acres* with *Lint-Seed*, the said *Falls*, or Six *Ells square*, always being reckoned Part of the *Acres* to which he is preferred.

VIII. THAT the *Undertakers*, for the Years 1729 and 1730, be obliged to dress their *Grounds* according to one or other of the *Methods* mentioned in a *Treatise*, containing the different approved *Methods* of to be published by Order of the *Trustees*.

X. THAT they do not *water* the *Lint* produced in the said *Grounds* in any *Pit* or *Hole*, in which another *Quantity* of *Lint* has been watered that Season, or the former Year, unless the same be so disposed as to be refreshed with running Water from some *Spring*, *River*, or *Rivulet*.

XI. THAT seeing the *Trustees* have it in View to employ some *skilful Flax Dressers*, who shall undertake to dress the *Lint* in a much better Method than that ordinarily used, and at much easier Rates; That each *Undertaker* for sowing *Lint-seed* shall have one third Part of his *Lint* dressed by one of these *Flax Dressers*, and shall take a Certificate from him of the *Quantity* dressed, the *Flax Dresser* either coming

coming to the Undertaker's House, or setting up his Work within two Miles of his Farm at furthest.

XII. THAT upon Oath to be made by the Undertaker, or in Case of his Decease by his Executor, before any one Justice of Peace, or in Default of the Justice of Peace, before the next Magistrate, or failing of both, upon the Attestation of the Minister of the Parish, or in Case the Parish shall be vacant, of the Minister of the next adjacent Parish; That the whole Conditions then prestible have been fulfilled, and particularly for the first Year, expressing the *Quantity* of the *foreign Seed*, and from whom bought; and that the Acres mentioned in the Oath or Attestation were really for that Year sown with *Lint-seed* or *Hemp-seed*, which Oath or Attestation is to be transmitted to the Trustees Secretary at *Edinburgh* yearly against the first Day of *November*, Payment of the *Præmiums* shall be forthwith ordered.

XIII. THAT if the Trustees shall discover by proper Evidence that any of the above Conditions, whether these to which the Oath or Attestation above-mentioned may relate, or any other Conditions thereafter prestible, have not been performed, it shall be lawful for them to stop Payment of the *Præmium*, if it shall not have been already answered, or to retain the *Præmium* for the subsequent Year, without Prejudice to them, to prosecute the Offence further, as accords of the Law.

THE Undertakers within the Shires of *Edinburgh*, *Haddingtoun*, *Peebles*, *Linkithgow*, *Stirling*, *Kinross*, *Perth*, *Angus* and *Fife* to send their Proposals in Writing, after the Form following, to *David Flint* Secretary to the Trustees, and the Undertakers in the other Shires and Stewartries to their respective Justice of the Peace Clerks.

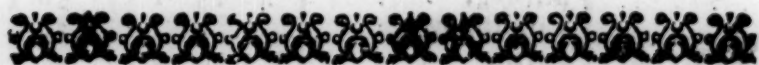
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Each Shire and Stewartry's Proportion of the L. 1500 to be given annually in Premiums, for preparing and sowing Ground with Lint-seed and Hemp-seed, and of the 2000 Acres to be improven, according to their Proportions of the Land-Tax.

	Proportion of the L. 1500 Premium.				No of Acres to be Improven.
	L.	s.	d.	qr.	Acq. qr.
Edinburgh, : : :	79	8	1	0	105 3
Haddingtoun, : : :	69	7	11	3	92 2
Berwick, : : :	70	3	4	0	93 2
Roxburgh, : : :	91	19	3	0	122 3
Selkirk, : : :	22	11	2	1	30 0
Peebles, : : :	26	00	00	0	34 3
Lanerk : : :	77	2	3	2	102 3
Dumfries, : : :	67	13	3	3	90 1
Wigtoun, : : :	25	1	2	3	33 2
Air, : : :	96	10	9	0	128 3
Dumbarton, : : :	19	1	4	2	25 2
Bute, : : :	7	13	3	0	10 1
Renfrew, : : :	33	15	1	1	45 0
Stirling, : : :	43	15	1	3	58 1
Linlithgow, : : :	29	3	7	1	39 0
Shire of Perth, : : :	125	0	10	2	166 3
Kincardine, : : :	24	10	10	2	32 3
Aberdeen, : : :	101	16	6	1	135 3
Inverness, : : :	30	18	1	0	41 1
Ross, : : :	30	14	8	1	41 0
Nairn, : : :	6	5	7	1	8 1
Cromarty, : : :	5	6	9	0	7 0
Argyle, : : :	48	11	7	0	64 3
Fife, : : :	122	17	1	2	163 3
Forfar, : : :	81	13	2	2	108 3
Bamff, : : :	28	13	9	3	38 1
Sutherland, : : :	8	7	7	2	11 1
Caithness, : : :	14	18	11	2	20 0
Elgin, : : :	26	8	5	0	35 1
Clackmanan, : : :	8	13	9	2	11 3
Kinross, : : :	6	13	9	3	9 0
Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, : : :	41	15	4	0	55 3
Orkney and Zetland : : :	27	3	0	2	36 1
1500 0 0					2000 0

*The Form of the Proposal or Offer,
and Obligation to be transmitted to
the Trustees Secretary, or to the re-
spective Justice of Peace Clerks.*

I A. B. of (or in) _____ residing at _____
offer to sow for _____ Tears _____ Acres
with Lint (or Hemp) Seed on Ground prepared, con-
form to the Rules prescribed by the Honourable Tru-
stees, lying in a Farm called _____ in the Pa-
rish of _____ and Shire (or Stewarty) of _____
and upon my being preferred for
the Whole, or Part of my Demand, do hereby oblige
myself to fulfil the whole Conditions and Regulations
proposed in the Plan, published by the said Trustees,
under the Penalty of forfeiting the Encouragement
promised. In Witness, &c.



*Plan for the Distribution of L. 150
per annum, for Spinning Schools
for Three Years.*

	L. s. d.
T O four Schools for introducing Spinning into the Highlands, or Places where it is least understood, at L. 10 per annum for each School, : :	40 0 0

Carried over 40 0 0

(25)

Carried over 40 0 0

To three Schools for teaching the
Dressing of Flax, and Spinning thereof
into fine Tarn fit for Thread or Cam-
bricks, one at L. 50, and two at L. 30
per annum. : : : : : }

110 0 0

Total, : : 150 0 0

Manner of employing L. 10 per annum, allotted to each of the Four Schools of the first Kind:

To the Mistres in Name of Salary } L. s. d.
per annum, : : : : : } 5 0 0

To providing 14 Wheels, the first
Year, at 5 s. 10 d. each to serve the School
and to the encreasing the Number of
Scholars, or their Encouragements for
the Second and Third Years, : : }

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To sustaining of Pirns, Bands, &c. }
per annum, : : : : : } 0 5 0

To Coal and Candle per annum, : : 0 13 4

Total, : : 10 0 0

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*Conditions on which these Four
Schools are to be settled.*

Imp. **T**HAT the Person proposing to contract for teaching and setting up such a School, shall have a *Certificate* from the *Kirk-Session* where she is resident, of her regular and good Behaviour, and shall have a *Certificate* from the *Magistrates of the Burgh* where she resides, or from Two or more *Justices of the Peace* in the Country, or from some Two or more Persons of *Note and Character* in whose Neighbourhood she lives, of her Capacity and Skill in *Spinning*, and that such a *School* is necessary in that Part of the Country.

II. **T**HAT in each *School* be taught at least 14 *Scholars*, aged from 8 to 14 Years.

III. **T**HAT they be taught six Hours every lawful Day, from 13th of *October* yearly, or from the Date of their setting up for the first Year, to the 15th of *April* thereafter.

IV. **T**HAT the *Mistress* shall furnish *Lint* to such of the *Scholars* as cannot provide themselves, and shall have the *Profit* of their Work.

V. **T**HAT where the *Scholars* do furnish themselves with *Lint*, or have it furnished on their Account, the *Profit* of the Work shall be to the *Scholar*.

VI. **T**HAT such *Scholars*, as do attend the said *School*, for the three *Seasons* contracted for, have their *Wheels* which they have used to themselves.

VII. THAT

VII. THAT so soon as the *Mistress* has provided a *House*, and engaged *Scholars*, the *Fourteen Wheels* shall be delivered to her on Receipt.

VIII. THAT upon a *Certificate* from the *Magistrates of the Burgh*, or from any one *Justice of the Peace*, or from the *Kirk-Session* of the *Parish*, where the *School* is set up, that all the above *Conditions* have been truly and faithfully executed, *Payment* shall be forthwith ordered of the Sum of *L. 5 Sterl.* to the said *Mistress* as her *Salary*, and of *5 Shil.* for maintaining the *Pirns*, &c. and of the *13 Shil. 4 d.* for *Fire and Light*, reserving Power to the *Trustees* to enquire into the Truth of the Things therein certified.

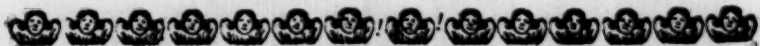
THE *Commissioners* and *Trustees* do hereby give Notice, That if no *Contracters* offer for these *Schools*, of whole *Qualifications* and *Certificates* they are satisfied, on or before the 20th of *December* next, they will appropriate the aforesaid Sum of *L. 40 per annum* to establish a *Fourth School* of the second Kind.

THE *Commissioners* and *Trustees* have resolved to settle the *Three Schools* of the *Second Class* above-mentioned, in the *Burghs* following,

	<i>L. s. d.</i>		
One at <i>Edinburgh</i> at	:	:	50 0 0
One at <i>Perth</i> at	:	:	30 0 0
One at <i>Glasgow</i> at	:	:	30 0 0
<i>Total</i> :			110 0 0

PROVIDING the *Magistrates* of the said *Burghs* do severally agree to furnish at the Charge of the said *Burghs*, proper *School-Houses* and *Conveniencies* for the *Mistresses*, and that they do severally ex-

hibite to the *Trustees* Proposals for the establishing those *Schools*, on or before the 15th of *December*, or otherwise the said *Commissioners* and *Trustees* will give the Offer of those *Schools* to other *Burghs*, on Conditions to be settled by the said *Trustees*, on or before the 25th of said Month of *December*.



*Rules for the Distribution of the
L. 200 per annum, allotted for
Prizes to be earned by House-
Wives for making the best Web.*

Imp. **T**HAT a Prize or Prizes to the Value of L. 5. shall be given annually in each Division, within which a *Lapper* and *Stamp-master* shall be appointed, to be won by the *House-wife* or *House-wives*, who, on a Day to be fixed annually by the *Trustees*, shall produce the *best Web*, of the Dimensions and Qualities to be limited yearly by the *Trustees*, and of which Notice shall be given by the *Lapper* to all the *Parishes* within his District, Three Months before the Competition.



II. THAT

II. THAT these *Prizes* shall be contended for in the Places afternamed, at each of which a *Lapper* is stationed, viz.

<i>Week,</i>	<i>Dundee,</i>	<i>Annan,</i>
<i>Tain,</i>	<i>Montrose,</i>	<i>Wigton,</i>
<i>Inverness,</i>	<i>Forfar,</i>	<i>Irvine,</i>
<i>Forress,</i>	<i>Arbroath,</i>	<i>Air,</i>
<i>Strabogie,</i>	<i>Cowpar in Fife,</i>	<i>Paisly,</i>
<i>Aberdeen,</i>	<i>Leven,</i>	<i>Dumbarton,</i>
<i>Bervie,</i>	<i>Kirkaldie,</i>	<i>Glasgow,</i>
<i>Perth,</i>	<i>Dumfermling,</i>	<i>Hamilton,</i>
<i>Crief,</i>	<i>Edinburgh,</i>	<i>Biggar,</i>
<i>Down,</i>	<i>Haddington,</i>	<i>Linlithgow,</i>
<i>Cowpar in Angus,</i>	<i>Dunse,</i>	<i>Stirling,</i>
<i>Dunkeld,</i>	<i>Melrofs,</i>	<i>Clackmanan,</i>
<i>Kinrofs,</i>	<i>Dumfries,</i>	<i>Campbelton,</i>

or at some of the most considerable *Fairs* within their respective Districts, to be fixed by the *Trustees*.

III. THAT the Magistrates in each Royal Burgh, where *Prizes* are appointed, be intreated to name one or more qualified Persons to be Judges of the *Competition* who shall have an Oath administered to them to do *Justice equally* betwixt the Competitors; and if the *Competition* shall be in a Market Town, that is not a Burgh Royal, then one or more Justices of the Peace shall be entreated by the *Trustees* to name the *Judge* to the *Competition*, who shall take an Oath in like Manner.

IV. THAT no *Cloath* be received in the *Competition*, but what shall be duly *Lapped up*, *Stamped* and *Marked*, and made or wrought in that Shire or Stewartry.

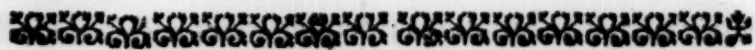
V. THAT

V. THAT the Name of the Owner of the *Web* be written on a Piece of Paper sealed up, sewed or affixed to one of the Ends of the *Web*, not to be opened till after the *Determination*.

VI. THAT upon a *Certificate* from the chief Magistrate within Burgh, or from the Justice or Justices of the Peace to be appointed as aforesaid, the *Trustees* shall order the Payment of the *Prizes* on Sight.

THE Salaries to the *Lappers* and *Stamp-Masters*, and to the *General Riding Officers* are to be paid at *Whitsunday* and *Martinmas* by equal Portions.

THE Expence of procuring *Models* of *Looms*, &c. and of *Prosecutions* against such as shall transgress the *Laws* relating to the *Linnen* and *Hempen Manufactures*, is in like Manner to be directed by the *Trustees*.



*Touching the L. 700 per annum,
destined for the Manufactures of
Coarse Wool.*

THE *Trustees* have resolved to make a *Distribution* of the said Sum, for the first Three Years, among the Counties that produce *Coarse Wool*, commonly called *tarred Wool*, according to such *Proportions* as shall hereafter be settled by the *Trustees*, agreeable to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament in that Behalf, and that to and for the Purposes following, *viz.* For Encouragement to *Wool-staplers* and *Combers*, who may be employed in Sorting, Dressing and Combing *Coarse Wool* within the said Coun-

Counties, such Part of the said Sum as shall be found necessary.

AND the *Remainder* for *Præmiums* to such Persons as shall contract with the *Trustees* for Manufacturing the *Coarser Kinds* of the said *Wool*, or shall employ *Five* or *More* Persons in *Spinning* the said *Wool*. But in *Regard* the *Gentlemen*, interested in those Counties, have not hitherto offered any *Proposition* for the more particular *Distribution* of the said Sums, for the Purposes aforesaid; the *Trustees* do hereby give Notice, That they will receive from the *Gentlemen* of the said Counties, such *Propositions* as they shall think fit to make to them, for the particular *Distribution* of the said *Money*, and Appropriation of it for the said Purposes severally, on or before the 18th Day of *December* next. And in Default of such *Application* will proceed on the 22d of the said Month, to finish a particular *Plan* for these Ends, from the best Information they can have.

Edinburgh, 17th
Novemb. 1727.

By Order of the Commissioners
and Trustees, for Improving
Fisheries and Manufactures
in Scotland.

DAVID FLINT Secretary.







GENERAL PLAN republ-
ished for other Three Years
from *Christmas* 1730.



HEREAS, the *General Plan* published by the Commissioners and Trustees appointed by His Majesty's Letters Patents, for improving the *Fisberies* and *Manufactures* in *Scotland*, for applying the Funds under their Management, was to continue for the Term of

Three Years, from and after *Christmas* 1727.

AND whereas it has pleased His Majesty by His Royal Sign Manual, in that Behalf directed, dated at *Richmond* the 26th Day of *May* last, to approve of their Purpose of Republishing the said *General Plan* of *Improvements*, with the Alterations after-mentioned

mentioned in the Bush and Coast *Herring Fishing*, and to allow the same to continue and endure for Three Years more from *Christmas* last 1730.

THEREFORE the said *Commissioners* and *Trustees* do hereby declare and publish, That the said *General Plan* shall continue and endure for another Term of Three Years, from and after the Feast of *Christmas* last 1730 ; And that the several Sums of Money therein mentioned, shall be annually laid out and applied in the Way and Manner, and to the several Purposes and Uses, as is more particularly laid down in the said *Plan*, to which Reference is hereby had, with the Alterations following in the *Herring Fishing* only, viz.

THAT the *Præmiums* given to small Boats for searching for *Herrings* in the Firths of *Solway*, *Clyde* and *Murray* shall cease, and the Money allotted for that Service shall be employed in encouraging the fitting out of larger Boats with deeper Nets, to search for *Herrings* in deeper Water in the *Murray Firth*.

Secondly, THAT the *Undertakers* for the *Bush Fishing* be not obliged always to keep Fishing within Sight of Land. And

Thirdly, THAT they be at Liberty to send off from their *Bushes* at Sea to foreign Markets any Part of the Fishes by them caught, not exceeding Six Lasts for each Bush, without being obliged to repack them at Land.

AND

AND the said *Commissioners* and *Trustees* do hereby order, That the said *General Plan* with the Alterations before mentioned, be furthwith published, by affixing Copies thereof on the Market Cross of *Edinburgh*, Peir and Shoar of *Leith*, and by transmitting Copies thereof to the Magistrates of every Royal Burrow in *Scotland*, and to the Sheriff and Stewart Clerk of each Shire and Stewartry within the same, to the End all Persons may have sufficient Notice, and thereby may have an Opportunity of Undertaking the several Improvements therein proposed. Given at *Edinburgh*, this 18th of *June* 1731.

By Order of the said *Commissioners*
and *Trustees*.

DA. FLINT *Secretary*.

